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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH GOT ON OPIUM POPPY CONTROLS IN
COMPLIANCE S.2230 AS AMENDED

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY DELIVER
FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER REGARDING
DISCUSSIONS ON OPIUM POPPY CONTROLS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I WAS PLEASED
TO LEARN THROUGH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER THAT YOU HAVE KEPT IN
MIND OUR MOST USEFUL BREAKFAST DISCUSSION IN HELSINKI
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LAST JULY ON THE NEED FOR MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE OPIUM POPPY CONTROLS. SUCH CONTROLS REMAIN A PRIMARY CONCERN OF MINE BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE ILLICIT DRUGS, PARTICULARLY HEROIN, INFLICT ON OUR SOCIETY.

AS YOU KNOW, WHEN TURKEY RESUMED POPPY CULTIVATION LAST YEAR, MANY AMERICANS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INCREASE IN THE AVAILABILITY OF HEROIN FROM TURKISH SOURCES. WE WERE RELIEVED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT'S ASSURANCES THAT EFFECTIVE CONTROLS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND BY YOUR PROHIBITION OF OPIUM GUM PRODUCTION BY POD INCISION AND

ADOPTION INSTEAD OF THE POPPY STRAW PROCESS. I AM GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY CURRENT REPORTS HIGHLIGHTING THE EFFECTIVE-NESS OF YOUR CONTROLS OVER THE RECENT POPPY HARVEST.

I KNOW YOU WILL AGREE THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN NARCOTICS CONTROL SINCE THE RAVAGES OF DRUG ABUSE ARE NOT CONFINED WITHIN NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. I AM CONVINCED CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF A PER-MANENT AND EFFECTIVE WORLD-WIDE DRUG CONTROL SYSTEM. THE PAST EXPERIENCE OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE HAD IN WORKING TO-GETHER IN THIS FIELD GIVES US A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD HOW EFFECTIVE SUCH COOPERATION CAN BE. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THE INITIATION AT AN EARLY DATE OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL ON CONTINUING AND STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKISH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT ILLICIT DIVER-SION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD" END TEXT.

3. YOU SHOULD ACCOMPANY LETTER WITH ORAL EXPLANATION OF RANGEL AMENDMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT THE PRESIDENT INITIATE DISCUSSION WITH GOT CONCERNING EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PREVENT-ING THE DIVERSION OF OPIUM POPPY INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS AND THAT A REPORT ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS BE DELIVERED TO CONGRESS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS. KISSINGER

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